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2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #87
Summer Announcement #77, District 6 Commercial Periods #6 & #7
Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Yukon River summer chum salmon passage at Pilot Station sonar through July 18 is estimated to be approximately 2.1 million fish, which is above the historical median of 1.3 million fish for this date. The sonar passage estimate combined with genetic stock composition analysis indicates a surplus of summer chum salmon is available for commercial harvest in the Tanana River drainage.

Five commercial fishing periods have occurred in District 6. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest in District 6 through August 8 is approximately 2,300 summer chum salmon.

District 6: The department is announcing two 42-hour commercial salmon fishing periods from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 10, until 12:00 noon Sunday, August 12, and from 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 13, until 12:00 noon Wednesday, August 15, to target summer chum salmon. The two 42-hour commercial salmon fishing periods will coincide with the District 6 subsistence and personal use fishing time.
Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they fish. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold".

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.